

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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4. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of checking the hook status comprises the step of checking the status of the lines each time a line goes from off-hook to on-hook.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of determining the hook status of all of the lines comprises the step of periodically checking the status of the lines.

REMARKS

Currently claims 2-5 are pending in the application. Applicant will file additional claims in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner begins the examination without receiving the new claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the below signed attorney to receive a copy of the new claims.

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